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The wise and the just look rather at the intent than at the tact.

Picnic without rains seldom occur, but that is the way we have it here.

Commissioner Baker's reign was short—about the shortest on record.

Men will make blunders some time, but honest intentions are bound to be rightfully understood in the end.

The revolutionists on trial at San Antonio are making Judge Maxey's work easy for him by pleading guilty.

Uncle Jake came off without even ruffling his side whiskers, and now holds the boards as the hero of the day at Austin.

Columbus found this country, but it remained for his descendants the Duke de Veragua to enjoy the glory of the discovery.

The impeachment trial, which at one time promised to result quite tragically, has turned out to be nothing but a farce, after all.

Today is Virginia day at the world's fair. The Old Dominion celebrated in grand style at Mount Vernon house, the Virginia building.

The prospective groom who can not afford to offer his bride a bridal tour to the world's fair had better postpone his wedding until next year.

Land Commissioner McGaughey was acquitted by a vote of 19 to 8 of all the charges made against him. Wonder what made the house indict him anyway.

Sam Jones has closed forty schools in Kentucky by his preaching in that state. It might be a good idea for the Sunday crusaders at San Antonio to employ the Reverend Sam's services.

If the legislature has not already adjourned, it will probably do so today. The weary solons will soon hie them homeward to tell their constituents of the great labors accomplished by the illustrious Twenty third.

The Cuban revolution did not amount to much, according to latest reports. Yet it is said that there are many sympathizers with the cause of the revolutionists in both the United States and Mexico, and the outcome in the long run may be more serious than Spain expects.

The Scientific American gives the following rule for determining the length of the day: "By a simple rule the length of the day and night, any time of the year, may be ascertained by simply doubling the time of the sun's rising, which give the length of the night, and double time of setting will give the length of the day."

AT THE BATTLEGROUND.

What Was Done and Seen by Our Reporter.

Arrived on the Palo Alto battle field about half past eight, a. m., reporter found two tents erected with the stars and stripes floating from a pole at one end of the tent under which the tables were arranged and the Mexican flag floating from a pole at the other end. Messrs J. L. Hynes, Adolphus Glaevecke, Martin Hanson, Geo. Mora, Enrique Patengat, and John Staucke were already on the ground, most of them having spent the night there making preparations for the day. Messrs. D. Lively and William Johnson were the only Mexican veterans on the ground. Neither of these, however, were in the battle of Palo Alto. Mr. Nat White, the only veteran known in this section who was in the fight, was expected to attend, but did not arrive.

Felipe Martinez, who acted as guide for the Mexican general, took Mr. Martin Hanson over the ground a week ago, pointing out the fortifications which are situated on the ridge and which are now nearly level with the ground, and other points of interest such as the position of both armies and the ground upon which the battle was fought. Mr. J. J. Cooke had also been over the ground with a Mexican officer who had charge of the ammunition train of the Mexican army. Messrs. Hanson and Cooke in turn pointed out the different places to those wishing to see them.

There are no dead buried on the field, a rise of the river a few days after the battle having carried off those who were killed in the engagement.

The ridge where the picnic was held was the same where General Taylor halted his army to fill their canteens from the mesquite, a little to the rear, before the battle was commenced. This ridge is now known as Fortipisitos, meaning little forts. After the battle the army returned to this ridge and erected these forts, 3 in number. The name of the Posada de la Palma, where the fight on the 9th, occurred, has also been changed and is now known as Resaca de la Guerra (Resaca of the war.)

At twelve o'clock the picnickers gathered about the tables in the dining tent which was found loaded with an abundance of good things. Here they rested employed in the exercise of doing justice to the fare of about an hour.

At one o'clock came the most interesting part of the day's program—that of erecting the monument.

This was of marble on which the following inscription had been engraved by Messrs. Hanson & Hynes

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May 8th, 1846.

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May 8th, 1893.

A procession was formed headed by the Mexican war veterans, which marched to the point selected, about one hundred yards south of the first fortifications, and supposed to be about one half or three quarters of a mile from the spot where Major Ringgold was shot. Ground was first broken by Capt. Lively followed by Mr. Wm. Johnson, after which soldiers from Fort Brown and citizens gave a helping hand, even the ladies taking part, and

soon the monument was planted.

Mr. Frank Fenille, who was chosen orator of the day, then delivered an address which was eloquent and patriotic, complimentary to both friend and foe. Three cheers were then proposed and given to Judge Hynes, the projector of the monument. He made a neat speech in reply. Corporal Allison of Troop B. U. S. C., also made a short talk followed by Mr. Adolphus Glaevecke in a few appropriate remarks. Mr. J. S. Cross, owner of the battle ground, was then called on, but could not be prevailed upon to speak. Short addresses were also made by Capt. Lively and Mr. Wm. Johnson. Rev. Mr. Portness being called upon made a few impressive remarks, concluding with the Lord's prayer.

After the ceremonies were over, all repaired to the tents where, about 3 o'clock, cake and coffee were served. Then preparations were made to depart for home, all pronouncing the affair a most enjoyable one.

There were in attendance 81 men, 12 ladies, and 13 children, all of whom enjoyed the day most heartily. All credit is due the projectors of this most pleasant affair, which was given, as Mr. Fenille so appropriately remarked in his speech, not in celebration of the victory won on the spot, but in honor to the memory of the dead heroes who there laid down their lives for their country's sake.

The arrangement committee returns thanks to Dr. Torney, U. S. A., for the bountiful supply of ice which he so kindly donated.

[We are indebted for the above interesting account to Mr. J. A. Creager who kindly acted as reporter of The Herald for the day.]

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